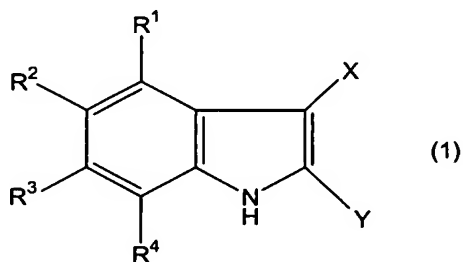


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An indole ~~derivative~~ compound represented by the following ~~general~~ formula (1):



wherein ~~at least~~ one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 represents an alkoxy group ~~containing of~~ 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 represent ~~hydrogen, hydrogen or an~~ hydrogen, hydrogen or an alkyl group ~~containing of~~ 1 to 6 carbon atoms, ~~acetyl group, or hydroxyl group~~; and either one of X and Y represents $-(CH_2)_nOH$ wherein n is an integer of ~~[[0]]~~ 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The indole ~~derivative~~ compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is an alkoxy group ~~containing of~~ 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and other groups of the R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are hydrogen; and n is 10 to 20.

Claims 3-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the indole ~~derivative~~ compound or its salt of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A method for treating brain dysfunction or neuropathy ~~wherein~~ comprising administering the indole derivative compound or its salt of claim 1 ~~is administered to a patient in need thereof.~~

Claim 8 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): ~~[[The]] A process for producing a drug using the indole derivative of claim 1~~ the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, comprising combining said indole compound and said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 9 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R¹ represents an alkoxy group; R², R³, and R⁴ represent hydrogen; and X represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

Claim 10 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R² represents an alkoxy group; R¹, R³, and R⁴ represent hydrogen; and X represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

Claim 11 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R³, represents an alkoxy group; R¹, R², and R⁴ represent hydrogen; and X represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

Claim 12 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R⁴ represents an alkoxy group; R¹, R², and R³ represent hydrogen; and X represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

Claim 13 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R¹ represents an alkoxy group; R², R³, and R⁴ represent hydrogen; and Y represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

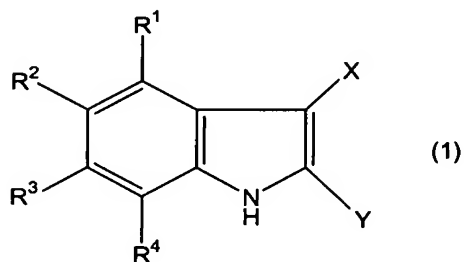
Claim 14 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R² represents an alkoxy group; R¹, R³, and R⁴ represent hydrogen; and Y represents -(CH₂)_nOH.

Claim 15 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R^3 , represents an alkoxy group; R^1 , R^2 , and R^4 represent hydrogen; and Y represents $-(CH_2)_nOH$.

Claim 16 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein R^4 represents an alkoxy group; R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 represent hydrogen; and Y represents $-(CH_2)_nOH$.

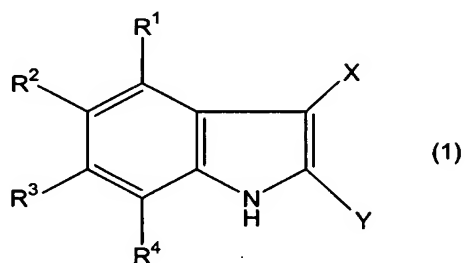
Claim 17 (New): The indole compound or its salt according to claim 1 wherein n is at least 14.

Claim 18 (New): An indole compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 represents an alkoxy group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 represent hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, acetyl group, or hydroxyl group; and either one of X and Y represents $-(CH_2)_nOH$ wherein n is an integer of 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.

Claim 19 (New): An indole compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein at least one of R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ represents an alkoxy group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and other groups of the R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ represent hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and either one of X and Y represents $-(CH_2)_nOH$ wherein n is an integer of 10 to 30, and the other one of the X and Y represents hydrogen atom; or a salt thereof.